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SUBJECT: KOREA: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

FOR AMBASSADOR

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO
FOREIGN MINISTER MOLAPO.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

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I AM VERY PLEASED TO EXPRESS MY GOVERNMENT'S WARM APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THE KOREAN ISSUES RECENTLY BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS. YOUR DECISION TO VOTE AGAINST THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION IN THE PLENARY WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. DESPITE PRESSURES THAT WERE GENERATED DURING THE DEBATE ON THESE ISSUES, YOUR GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO GIVE US STRONG SUPPORT. WHILE WE REGRET THAT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED TWO INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, WE BELIEVE THE DEBATE MADE CLEAR THAT MOST MEMBERS DESIRE RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH OF KOREA.

OUR OWN CONCERN THROUGHOUT THE DEBATE WAS TO ENSURE THAT NOTHING WAS DONE WHICH WOULD ENDANGER THE PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. WE ALSO WERE INTERESTED IN REINFORCING THE EXCELLENT RECORD OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF KOREA TO CHOOSE THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT THEY DESIRE. I THINK THESE OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED AND YOUR SUPPORT CONTRIBUTED TO THIS RESULT.

ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT I HOPE YOU WILL EXPRESS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO OUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR ITS SUPPORT. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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